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Re: STB Docket No. AB-872X, Great Northwest Railroad, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- In Clearwater County, Idaho

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have been asked by the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") to forward to you the enclosed copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report in the above-captioned matter. Copies of these two reports were forwarded to your Washington D.C. office on June 8, 2004.

The Petition For Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 27.5-mile line was filed with the STB on July 14, 2004.

We are providing these reports so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historic analyses of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, Telephone (202) 565-1545, and refer to the above Docket No. AB-872X. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

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Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (202) 638-3307 or by mail at Ball Janik LLP, 1455 F Street, N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Morell", written in a cursive style.

Karl Morell

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